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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of  
Catherine HANNI et al.

Serial No. (unknown)

Filed herewith

METHOD FOR DETECTING THE PRESENCE  
OF BIOLOGICAL MATTERS OF BOVINE  
ORIGIN, AND OLIGONUCLEOTIDES FOR  
ITS IMPLEMENTATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation  
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified applica-  
tion as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, change "claims 1 and 2," to --claim  
1,--.

Claim 6, line 2, cancel "according to claim 4,";

line 3, cancel "according to";

line 4, cancel "claim 5,"

Claim 10, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 3," to  
--claim 1,--;

line 6, change "according to claims 4 to  
7" to --of SEQ ID No.: 1--.

Claim 11, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 3 and  
10," to --claim 1,--.